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SUBJ: NUCLEAR COOPERATION: ENERGY COOPERATION

REFS: A. BUCH 5373 B. BUCH 5387 (NOTAL)

1. SCNE VICE PRESIDENT RODEAN CONFIRMED TODAY HE WOULD ACCOMPANY JOINT COMMISSION DELEGATION HEADED BY DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER PATAN (REFTEL A). RODEAN WILL NOT BE COUNTED AS DELEGATION MEMBER BUT WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS US THINKING ON (A) TRANSFER OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY FOR GOR NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAM, (B) JOINT RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES IN NUCLEAR ENERGY RESEARCH (INCLUDING HTGR), AND (C) ENERGY-RELATED RESEARCH IN GENERAL. HE REPORTEDLY WOULD WISH TO INVESTIGATE ALL ASPECTS OF US/GOR ENERGY COOPERATION AS THEY MAY INVOLVE THE DEPARTMENT, USERDA, NRC, DOC, NSF, AND OTHERS WHICH MIGHT BE SUGGESTED BY WASHINGTON.

2. ALTHOUGH RODEAN ENQUIRED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF APPOINTMENTS WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS DEALING WITH NUCLEAR QUESTIONS (REF B, PARA 2) AMBASSADOR AND SCIATT EXPLAINED TO HIM CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST PROBABLY WOULD BE MINIMAL AT THIS POINT, OR AT LEAST PREMATURE. DEPARTMENT SHOULD ADVISE HIM AS APPROPRIATE.

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3. RODEAN WILL ARRIVE NY OCT. 26 WITH ROMANIAN DELEGATION,

AND REMAIN FOR CONSULTATION WITH US AGENCIES AND PRIVATE FIRMS UNTIL EVENING OF NOVEMBER 4 AT CLOSE OF JOINT COMMISSION MEETINGS. HE WILL WANT TO MAKE ONE OR TWO-DAY VISIT IN CANADA SOMETIME DURING THIS PERIOD FOR TALKS WITH GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND PRIVATE FIRMS THERE ALSO.

4. RODEAN HAS ASKED FOR DEPARTMENT'S CONSIDERATION AND ASSISTANCE IN FOLLOWING SUGGESTED ITINERARY;
OCT 26 ARRIVE NY
OCT 27 REMAIN WITH ROMANIAN DELEGATION IN NY
OCT 28-29 WASH. D.C. APPOINTMENTS WITH DEPT, ERDA, NRC, DOC, NSF, AND OTHERS.
OCT 30 VISIT TO PEACH BOTTOM HTGR POWER STATION
OCT 31 SAN DIEGO: GENERAL ATOMIC (FIRM WILL DECIDE APPROPRIATE CONTACT)
NOV 1 RETURN TO WASHINGTON, DC WITH DEPUTY MINISTER PATAN
NOV 2-4 DEPART FOR OTTAWA FOR DISCUSSION WITH CANADIANS (NO CONTACTS SPECIFIED)
NOV 4 RETURN TO NY FOR ONWARD CONNECTIONS TO BUCHAREST WITH ROMANIAN DELEGATION
IF WASHINGTON APPOINTS CANNOT BE ARRANGED CONVENIENTLY DURING OCT 20-30, SAN DIEGO VISIT COULD BE SCHEDULED FOR OCT 28 AND WASHINGTON APPOINTMENTS POSTPONED TO END OF WEEK. IN ANY CASE, RODEAN EMPHASIZED THAT WASHINGTON VISIT HELD PRIORITY OVER ALL OTHERS AND HE WOULD ADJUST TO SCHEDULE AS NECESSARY. HE HOLDS OPEN AIR TICKET AND WOULD COVER EXPENSES.

5. EMBASSY STRONGLY SUPPORTS RODEAN VISIT AT THIS TIME, ESPECIALLY FOR FACE-TO-FACE CLARIFICATION OF GENERAL SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES IN BILATERAL ENERGY RESEARCH COOPERATION. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN PROGRAMMING ITINERARY PROPOSED ABOVE. PLEASE ADVISE.

6. WHILE FINAL DECISION ON IV ASPECTS OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER MAY BE AS YET UNAVAILABLE, WE CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL IN LARGER CONTEXT OF US/GOR RELATIONS, THAT RODEAN CONCLUDE US VISIT WITH CLEAR FIRST-HAND UNDERSTANDING OF US DISPOSITION TO CONSIDER ROMANIAN REQUEST AND SCOPE OF PROBLEMS INVOLVED. AN INVITATION TO AMBASSADOR BOGDAN TO
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ACCOMPANY IN CERTAIN DISCUSSIONS
COULD BENEFIT TALKS IN THE
FUTURE.

7. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE SUMMARY REPORT OK USG TALKS WITH RODEAN BY NOVEMBER 7.
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